MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I know who the contractors are ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : The Trading Co., is the transport contractor. For the lorries other local contractors are fixed. The Depot Officers give the contract for the labour work

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I know the names of such contractors ?

PRESIDENT : How does the question of the names of the contractors arise from a question which relates to the contract of bags ?

Stock of food grains.

414 * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there has been any shortage of stock of food grains in any of the Government depots during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) if so, the names of the Government depots in which shortages have occurred with the respective quantity (in tons) of each shortage; and

(*c*) the total loss sustained on this account ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Verification of food grains in stock at the several Government Depots has been taken up and is now going on. Correct particulars of the shortage at each of the depots and the loss sustained by Government on this account can be furnished only after the stock verification is over.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I know whether there was any shortage in any of the bags so far ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There might be shortage, it is being looked into. The stock verification is being taken up and it is possible to answer that only after the results are known.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : May I take it that no verification has been completed so far in the Depots ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Verifications have been so far by the Depot Officers.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Has any report come from any of the depots ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There are shortages.....

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : My question is not whether there was any shortage.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : Whether any deficit has occurred or not, it is not possible for me to say now. I have not definite figures.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : I do not want any definite figure, but I want to know whether any report comes from the depots.

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : There might be shortages that is what I can just give you.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Have Government called for any report with regard to this shortage ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR : No. The stock verification work is now being done. For the purpose of seeing whether there are shortages and the figures in that connection the verification has to be completed.

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MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why it was not done in 1118?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have already answered that question. There are Stores Officers who have made the verification.

Food grains.

415 *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity (in tons) of food grains purchased and stocked by Government that has been so far damaged or become unfit for human consumption;

(*b*) the depot or depots in which the damage has occurred and the quantity (in tons) so damaged in each depot;

(*c*) the causes which produced the damage in each of the depots; and

(*d*) the total loss sustained by Government so far on this account?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) The work of verification of the stock of imported food grains in the Government Depots is now going on. The actual quantity of food grains so far damaged and rendered unfit for human consumption can be correctly known only after the stock verification work is over.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Correct and full particulars of the damage that has occurred in each depot, the reasons therefor and the loss sustained by Government can be furnished only on completion of the stock verification work.

Complaints of factory owners.

416 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are complaints that the sub-ordinates on special duty for the transport of food grains, give trouble to the factory owners by seizing their boats used for their factory purposes?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No complaints of the kind have been brought to notice.

College Hostel, Trivandrum.

417 *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether at any time the University authorities brought to the notice of Government the need for providing accommodation for more students in the College hostel; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps are being taken for providing additional accommodation.

Training College, Trivandrum.

418 *MR. D. THOMAS Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the number of students selected for training for the school year 1120 to 1121 in the Training College, Trivandrum;

(*b*) the number of teachers selected for training from departmental schools and private schools separately; and

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